

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP (CEG)



Wednesday, September 16, 2026, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Valencia Park/ Malcolm X Branch Library
5148 Market St., San Diego, CA, 92114

NOTE: This meeting is audio and video recorded.

Language translation services are available upon request at least 96 hours prior to the meeting.
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Meeting Location & Directions:

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San Diego, CA 92114

(Seminar room AB)



FROM I-805 SOUTH:

1. Head northwest on I-805 North.
2. Take exit 12B for Market St.
3. Turn right onto Market St.
4. The library will be on your left.

FROM I-805 NORTH:

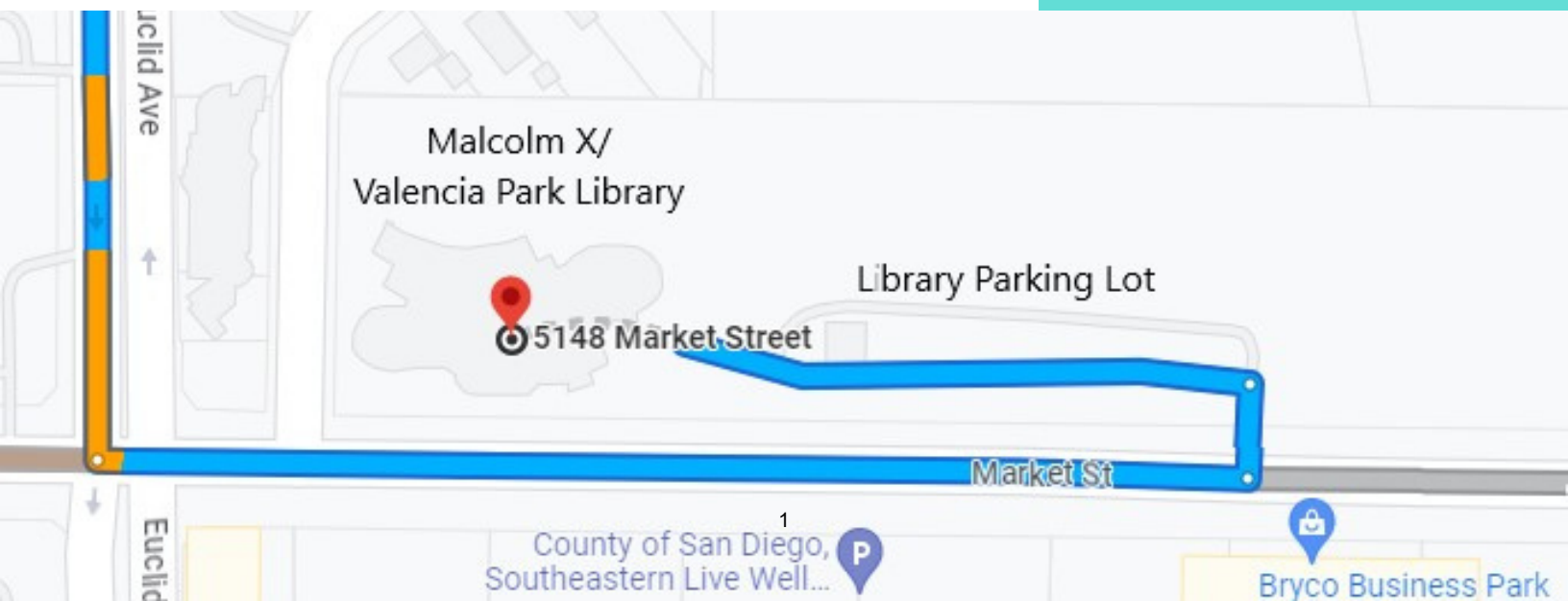
1. Head southeast on I-805 South.
2. Take exit 13A for CA-94-E/M L King Jr. Fwy.
3. Merge onto CA-94 E.
4. Take exit 4A for Euclid Ave.
5. Turn left onto Euclid Ave.
6. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Market St.
7. The library will be on your left.



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

MTS Trolley:
Orange Line

MTS Bus Routes:
3, 4, 5, 13, 60, 916,
917 and 955



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To participate remotely via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89778142157?pwd=5G57jMW0b1b1V8l8KVbljbAgedPsWV.1>

Call in: US Toll +1 669 444 9171

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A quorum for this meeting is five (5)

Committee Members: Roger Al-Chaikh | Tania Avalos-Bello | Andrew Cross | Esteban Duarte | Michael Donovan (Chair) | Jen Lothridge (Co-Chair) | Veronica Nava | Angela Vito Cruz

MEETING AGENDA ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order, roll call, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence
2. Review Background, Mission Statement, Goals, and Agreement of Meeting Decorum
3. Introductions and Icebreaker
4. Public comment (for members of the public)
5. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)
6. **Action:** Approve the consent CEG agenda (which includes the September 16, 2026 agenda and the July 15, 2026 minutes)
7. Updates
 - a. Committee Updates:
 - i. Membership Committee
 - ii. Strategies and Standards Committee
 - iii. Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee
 - iv. Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee
 - v. Steering Committee
 - vi. HIV Planning Group
 - b. Community Updates:
 - i. CARE Partnership
 - ii. HIV Housing Committee/Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
8. New Business
 - a. **Presentation:** National Preparedness Month Presentation
9. Old Business
 - a. Review 2026 CEG workplan
 - b. Committee Attendance
10. Announcements
11. **Next meeting date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2026, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114 Tubman Chavez Room B & C
12. Adjournment

Community Engagement Group Charge:

1) Educate Community Members

- Educate/train community members about the HIV Planning Group's local HIV services planning process and prepare them for and support them in increased involvement throughout the HIV Planning Group Process: committees, task forces, working groups, and other opportunities, as well as HIV Planning Group membership.

2) Increase Community Members' Participation

- Increase the level and diversity of community involvement, including from under-served and under-represented populations.
- Represent the needs of all community members, including those unable to participate in meetings.
- Provide linkages to regional and population-specific community groups and ensure communication between those groups and the Community Engagement Group.
- Identify and seek to overcome barriers to community participation.

3) Represent Community Member Needs Throughout the HIV Planning Group Process

- Provide community representation on HIV Planning Group committees, task forces, etc., and ensure the flow of information from those groups to the Community Engagement Group.
- Encourage maximum community involvement in the Priority Setting Committee and other established venues for the annual priority setting and budget allocations process; the Community Engagement Group will not develop separate budget recommendations.
- Serve as a venue for providing community feedback regarding HIV Planning Group issues (e.g., task forces).

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Wednesday, July 15, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Southeastern Live Well Center
5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114
Tubman Chavez Room A

A quorum for this meeting is five (5).

Committee Members Present: Roger Al-Chaikh | Andrew Cross | Esteban Duarte | Michael Donovan (Chair) | Jen Lothridge (Co-Chair) | Sergio Luna | Veronica Nava | Angela Vito Cruz
Committee Members Absent: Tania Avalos-Bello

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	The chair called the meeting to order at 3:01PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum. The Chair wished everyone a happy pride.	
2. Review Background, Mission Statement, Goals, and Agreement of Meeting Decorum	Committee members read the Mission Statement, the Community Engagement Group (CEG) Charge, and meeting decorum.	
3. Introductions (Name, Role with HPG/Consumer, Pronouns), Icebreaker	Members and participants introduced themselves.	
4. Public comment (for members of the public)	- A comment regarding participation in the community engagement group and how to effectively increase participation.	
5. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	- A gratitude for the members and the community who continue to show up to this meeting and provide attendance and feedback.	
6. ACTION: Approve the consent CEG agenda (which includes the July 15, 2026 agenda and the June 17, 2026 minutes)	Motion: Approve the consent CEG agenda (which includes the July 15, 2026 agenda and the June 17, 2026 minutes) Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Lothridge/Luna/7-0 Abstention(s): Donovan Motion carries	
Follow-Up Items from minutes:	None	

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7a. Committee Updates		
I. HIV Planning Group (HPG)	None	
II. Strategies and Standards Committee	The committee is reviewing PARS and Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals.	
III. Steering Committee	The committee discussed strategies to recruit members to meet 33% unaffiliated consumers.	
IV. Membership Committee	The committee is currently reviewing the seats applicable for elimination or combination to assist with meeting the 33% unaffiliated consumer requirement.	
V. Priority Settings and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)	The committee has reviewed the requested data and is currently in the ranking phase of their budget season. They may get to the allocation process next week.	
VI. Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC)	None	
7b. Community Updates		
I. CARE Partnership	The partnership will be having presentations on the Disability Help Center San Diego and AI communication coaching for HIV care.	
II. HIV Housing Committee/Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Several service providers shared program information and Jen Lothridge provided the following updates: - Mama's Kitchen described its meal available through referral. - Family Health Centers of San Diego discussed upcoming HOPWA-funded short-term assistance for rent, mortgages, and utilities, to be accessed through their Behavioral Health Center. - Updates were shared on housing availability: Father Joe's reported 5 openings, Fraternity House noted 6 openings, and Stepping Stone reported 1 opening with a waiting list. - The Housing Association reiterated that individuals already on the waiting list should remain active and keep their	

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	information updated. - RUN-SD flyers were provided for interested members.	
8. Old Business		
a. Review 2026 CEG workplan	- CEG and Christie's Place are collaborating on an event to showcase the documentary Even Me at the Heath Equity Research Multimedia Lab at SDSU.	
b. Committee Attendance	None	
9. New Business		
a. Presentation: Overview of Updates to the Ryan White Service Categories	Maritza Herrera provided a presentation of the Updates to the Ryan White Service Categories and the following discussion occurred: - Multiple service categories have been combined, with funding redistributed accordingly. - The HPG was asked to develop new rankings for each updated category. - Several service categories will be renamed as part of the update. - MAI data will now be reported by individual service category in the monthly report. - A reminder from the chair that the HPG standards committees may revise standards to ensure these changes are implemented appropriately. - A clarification that category rankings are not tied to funding amounts. - A clarification that there have not been any changes to oral health services. - A clarification that MAI reflects services specifically designed for minority populations.	
10. Announcements	- Christies Place will be having their next cohort of Project PEARL beginning 7/30. - The HPG will be tabling at San Diego Black Pride on 7/12 and the Pride Festival 7/18 and 7/19.	
11. Next meeting date	Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2026, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Location: TBD	
12. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 4:14PM.	

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2026 Work Plan

Month	Presentation / Training / Activity
January	- Refine the HPG Outreach Presentation - Finalize 2026 Work Plan
February	Review Service Categories
March	<i>No Meeting</i>
April	Happville prep: Epidemiology data (using to make decisions) & Expenditure Sheets
May	<i>No Meeting</i> CEG Outreach Event with Diversionary Theatre
June	Happyville exercise / "Another Day in Happyville"
July	In-depth review of 1-2 service categories and the recent changes
August	<i>No Meeting</i> CEG Outreach Event with Christie's Place (postponed)
September	Disaster Preparedness Month training
October	<i>No Meeting</i> CEG Outreach Event with Prevention Orgs
November	- Medical/Medicaid Presentation - In-depth review of 1-2 service categories
December	Holiday party

Topics without a set date
- Aging with HIV (55+) - MTS presentation

HIV PLANNING GROUP
12-MONTH COMMITTEE TRACKING
September 2025 - August 2026

Community Engagement Group	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	#	# of JC Starting Jan 2026
Total Meetings	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	9	
(9) Members														
Al-Chaikh, Roger						1	NM	*	NM	*	*	NM	1	
Avalos-Bello, Tania							NM	*	NM	*	1	NM	1	
Cross, Andrew								1	NM	1	*	NM	2	
Duarte, Esteban								*	NM	*	*	NM	0	
Donovan, Michael ^c	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	*	*	NM	0	
Lothridge, Jen ^{cc}	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	*	*	NM	0	
Luna, Sergio			*	1	*	*	NM	*	NM	*	*	NM	1	
Nava, Veronica	*	1	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	1	*	NM	2	
Vito Cruz, Angela										*	*	NM	0	
To remain in good standing and eligible to vote, the committee member may not miss 3 consecutive meetings or 6 meetings within 12 months.														

* = Present

1 = Absent for the month

1 = Absence when there are multiple meetings that month. Member needs to attend at least one (1) meeting for attendance to count for that month.

JC = Just Cause

NM = No Meeting

NQ = No Quorum

SENATE BILL (SB) 707: THE USE OF JUST CAUSE (2026)

(An Amendment to AB 2302)

If the physical attendance quorum requirement is met, SB 707 permits a member who is not physically present to request virtual attendance at the local legislative body's meeting under the "just cause" circumstance.

Qualifying Reason	Provisions to Attend Remotely	Requirements /Limitations
"Just Cause"	▪ Childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely. ▪ A contagious illness prevents the member from attending the meeting in person. ▪ A need related to a physical or mental condition not otherwise accommodated by any reasonable accommodations provided. ▪ Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency. ▪ An immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the member that requires the member to participate remotely. ▪ A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person. ▪ Military service obligations that result in a member being unable to attend in person because they are serving under official written orders for active duty, drill, annual training, or any other duty required as a member of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization that requires the member to be at least 50 miles outside the boundaries of the local agency.	A member is limited to two (2) virtual attendances due to "just cause" per calendar year.

Note: The criteria for "emergency circumstance" from AB 2302 are now combined with the "just cause" circumstance for remote participation.

Additional Information for Members Participating Remotely

In addition to making a request for "just cause" for remote attendance, SB 707 imposes the following three (3) additional requirements on legislative body members seeking to appear remotely at public meetings:

1. The member shall notify the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting.
2. The member shall publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individuals.
3. The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology.

Furthermore, a member of a legislative body may request reasonable accommodation, pursuant to the applicable law, to participate in meetings remotely. Remote participation due to reasonable accommodation shall be treated as in-person attendance (counting towards quorum) and shall adhere to the following requirements:

1. The member shall request reasonable accommodation to participate remotely at the time of quorum check prior to each meeting.
2. The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology. Any member with a disability, as defined in Section 12102 of Title 42 of the United States Code, may participate only through audio technology if a physical condition related to their disability results in a need to participate off camera.
3. The member shall disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any of those individuals.

SB 707: Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements. (2026) – in effect until January 1, 2030